

AGENDA

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • Room 445 State Capitol

(Background materials are posted at <http://www.le.utah.gov/asp/interim/Commit.asp?Year=2009&Com=INTEDU>. As they become available, additional materials will be mailed to committee members and posted at the same site.)

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting

2. Consider Proposed Legislation, "Utah Performance Assessment System for Students (U-PASS) Amendments"

At the September meeting, the Committee received presentations on a pilot assessment program that includes online adaptive testing, online writing assessments, and college readiness assessments in certain grades. The pilot assessment program is scheduled to terminate on July 1, 2010. The Committee will consider proposed legislation to modify U-PASS.

- Sen. Howard Stephenson

3. Consider Proposed Legislation, "School District Division Amendments"

The Committee will consider proposed legislation that modifies procedures for establishing a new school district following voter approval of the proposal.

- Rep. Laura Black

4. Consider Proposed Legislation, "Amendments to Education Financing"

The Committee will consider proposed legislation that: (1) sets the statewide minimum basic tax rate at a fixed rate starting with taxable year 2011; (2) consolidates eight school district property tax levies into three property tax levies; and (3) provides a formula to set a school district's certified tax rate beginning with the 2011 taxable year.

- Rep. Merlynn Newbold

5. Consider Proposed Legislation, "Higher Education Scholarship Amendments"

The Committee will consider proposed legislation to modify provisions relating to the New Century and Regents' Scholarships.

- Sen. John Valentine and Rep. Greg Hughes

6. Annual Reports

As required by law the Committee will receive reports on: (1) the Regents' Scholarship Program; (2) career and technical education; (3) extended day kindergarten; and (4) the High-ability Student Initiative Program. The reports will be mailed to committee members before the meeting. Due to a limited amount of time, the reports will not be presented or discussed in the meeting, unless a committee member has a question or comment about a report.

A. Regents' Scholarship Program

- David Buhler, Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

B. Career and Technical Education

- Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education
- Dr. Richard White, President, Utah College of Applied Technology
- David Buhler, Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

C. Extended Day Kindergarten

- Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

D. High-ability Student Initiative Program

- Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

7. Other Items / Adjourn